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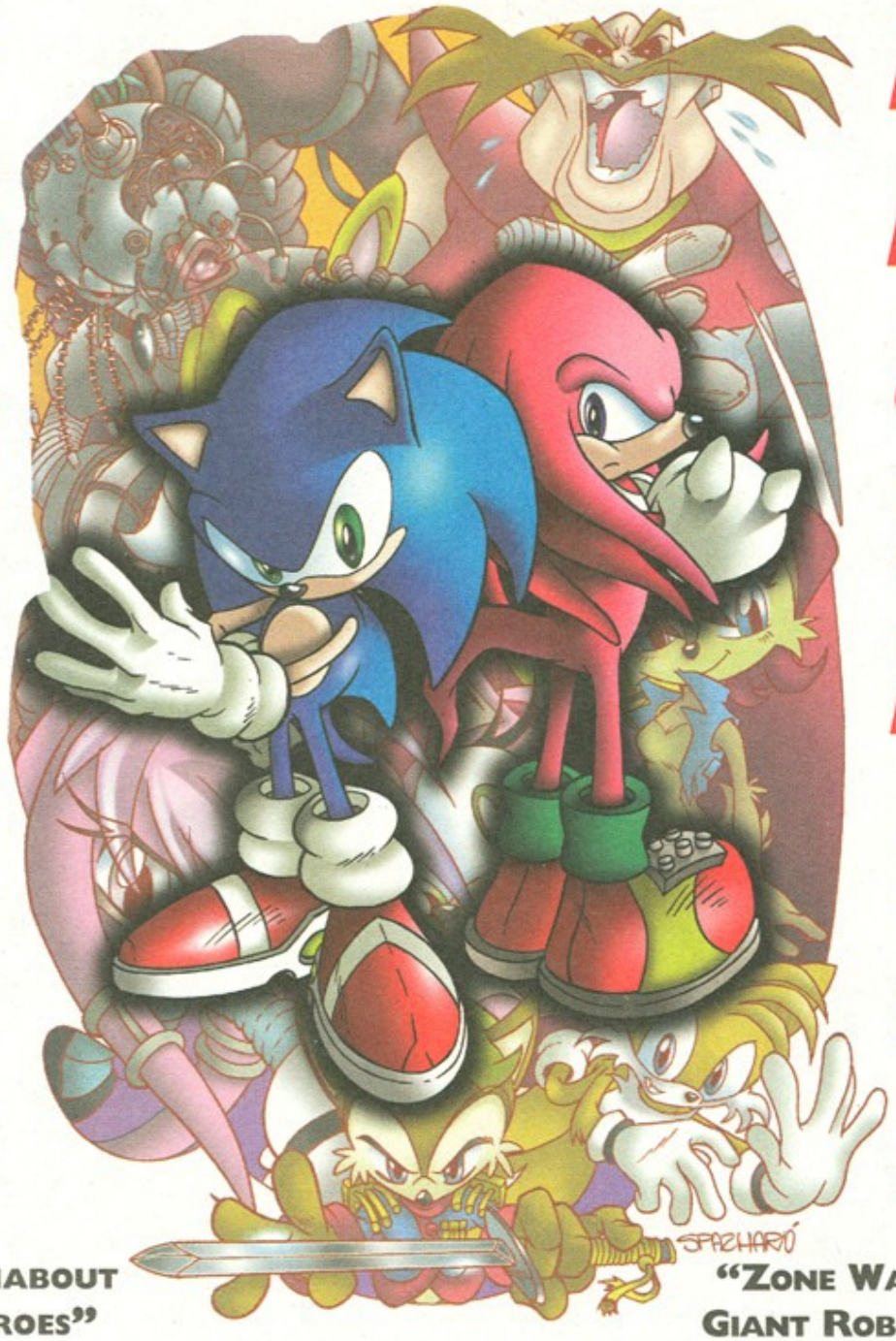

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HEY, FANS!
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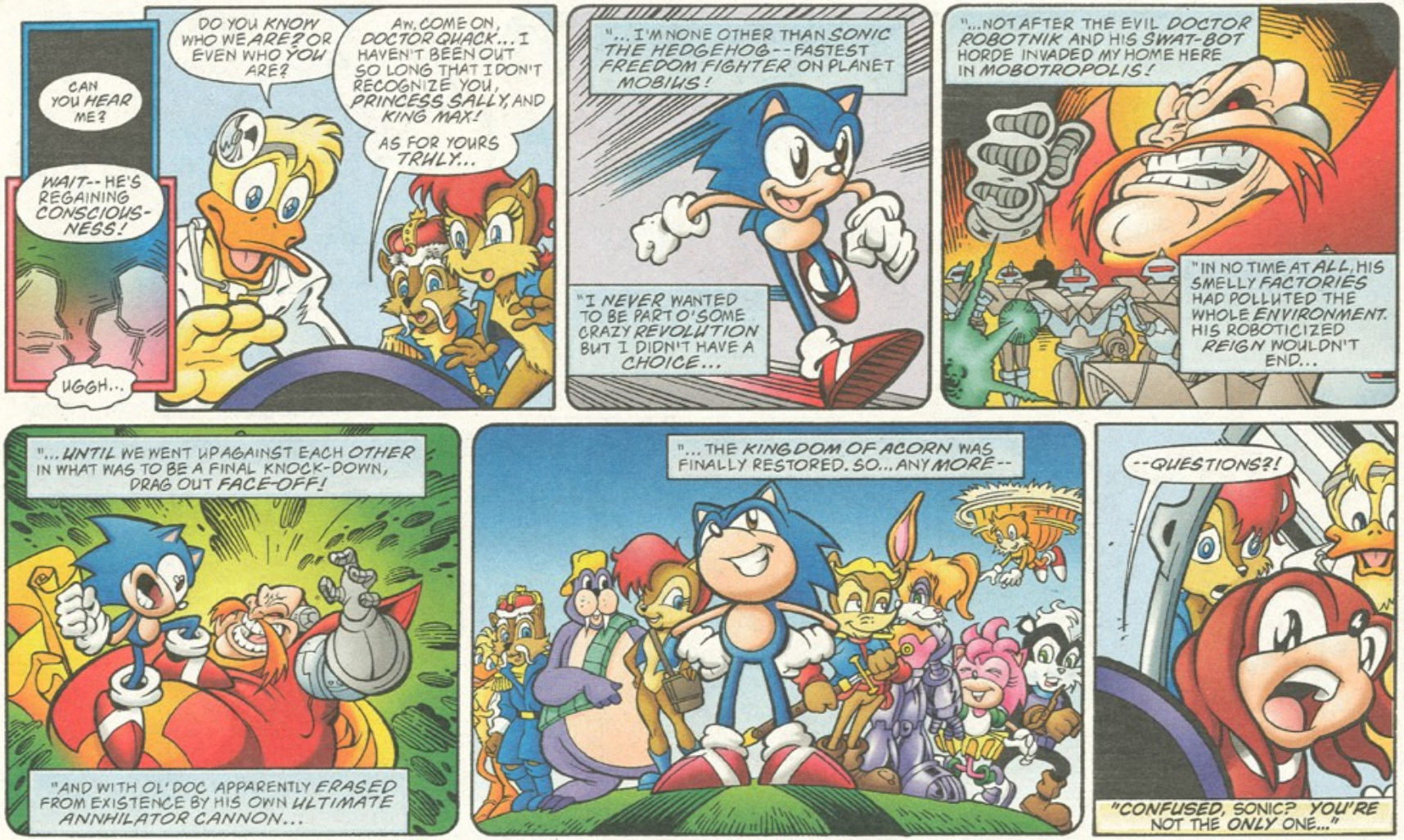
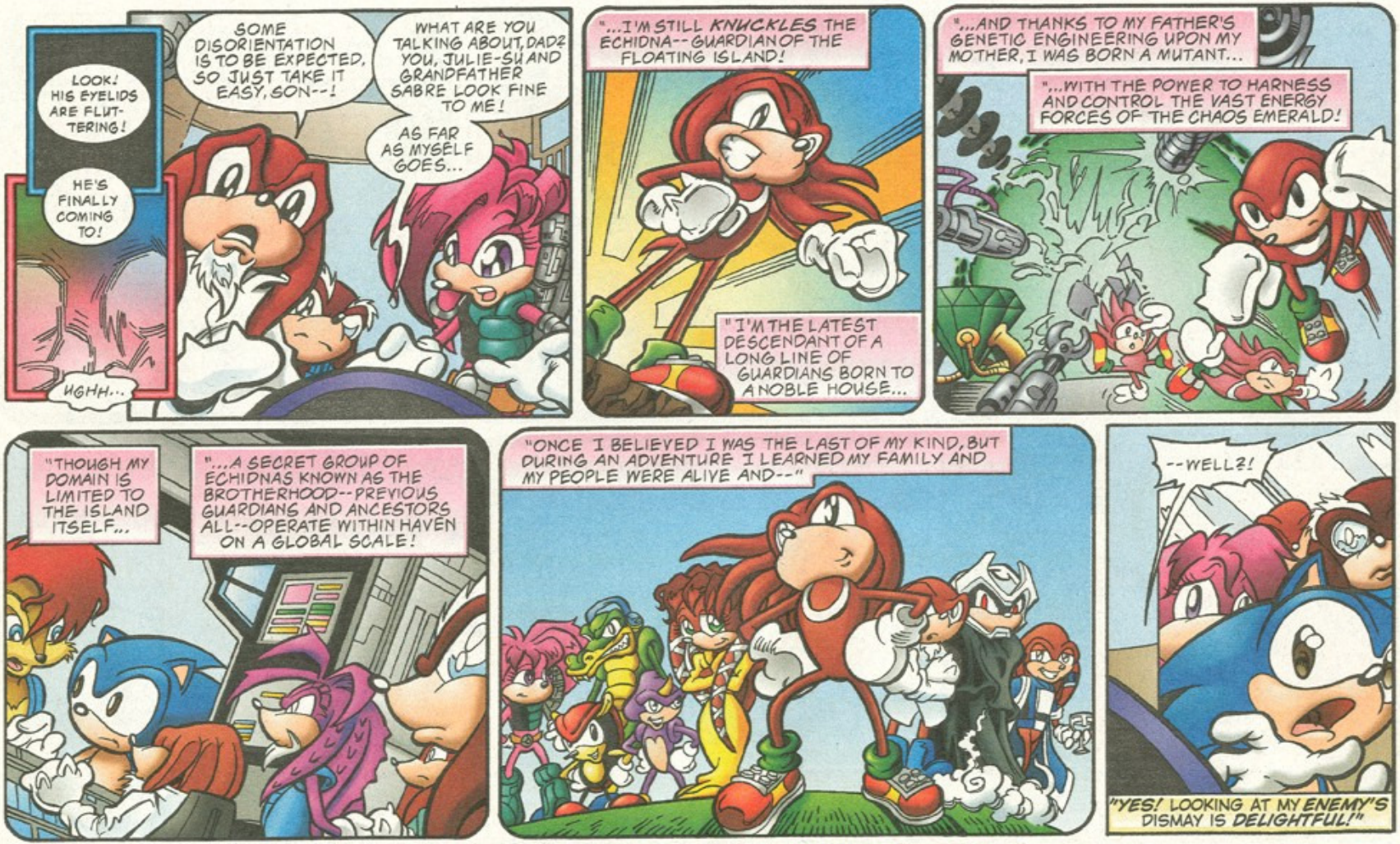
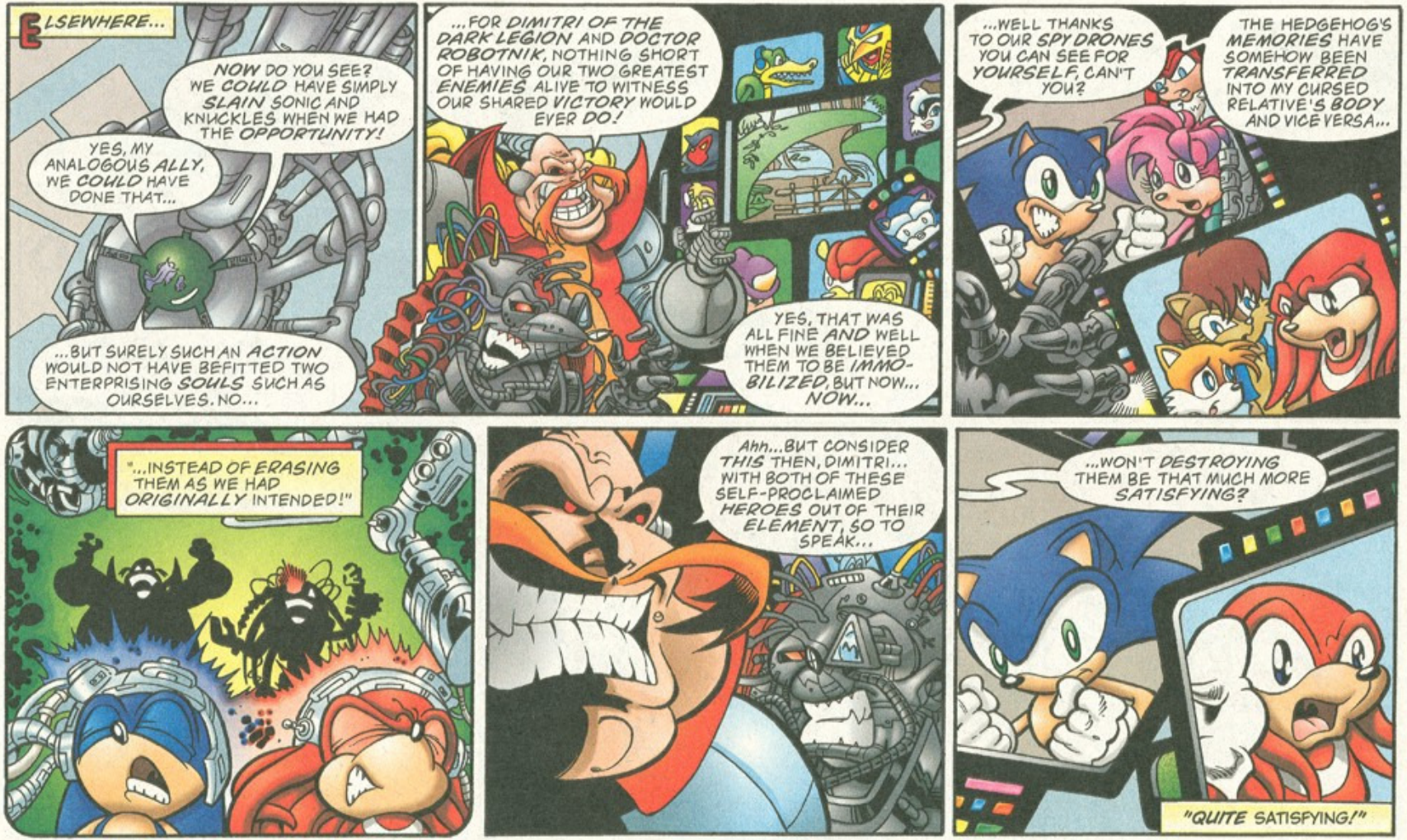
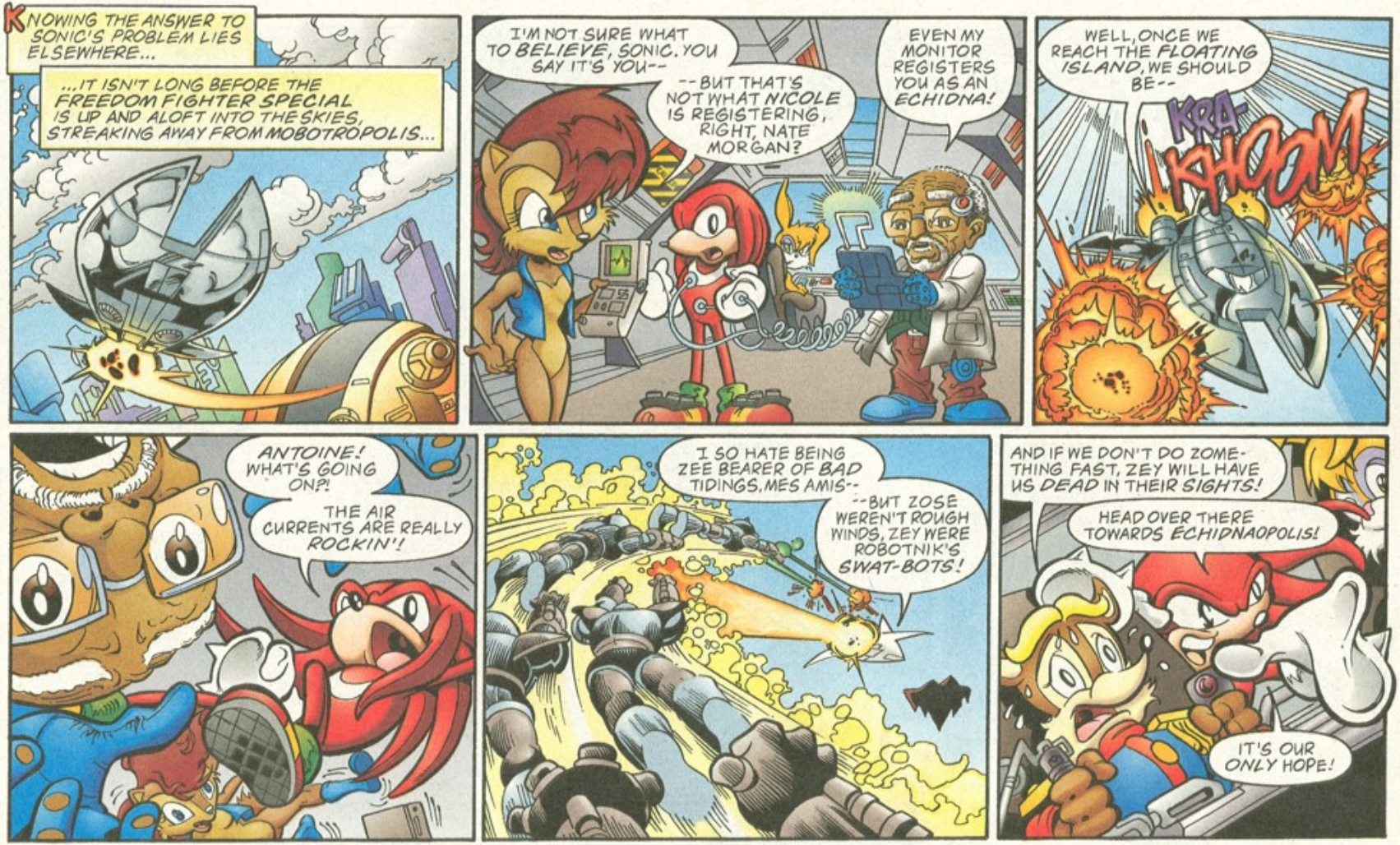
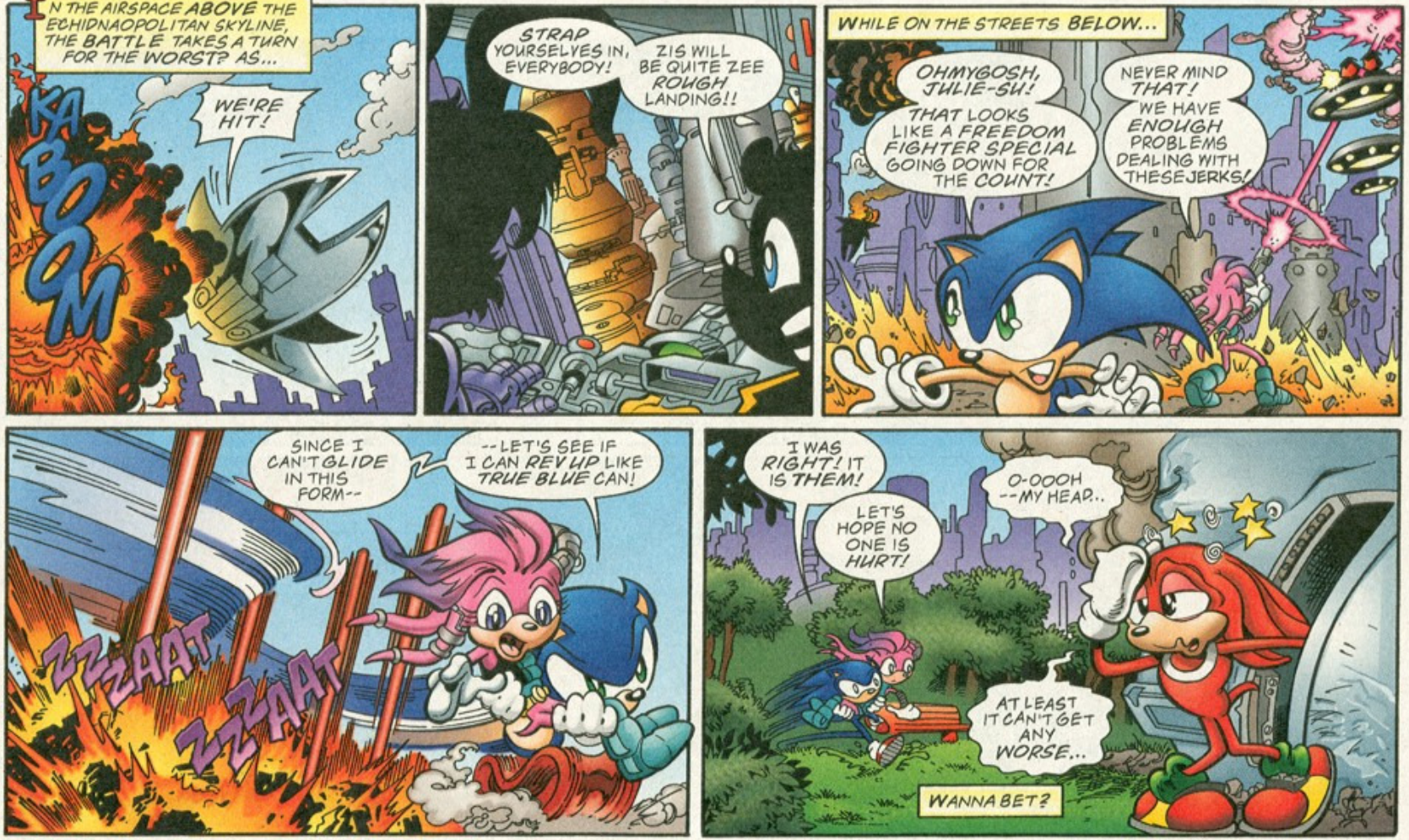

CAN YOU HEAR ME?
WAIT-- HE'S REGAINING CONSCIOUS-NESS!
UGGH...
DO YOU KNOW WHO WE ARE? OR EVEN WHO YOU ARE?
AW, COME ON, DOCTOR QUACK... I HAVEN'T BEEN OUT SO LONG THAT I DON'T RECOGNIZE YOU, PRINCESS SALLY, AND KING MAX!
AS FOR YOURS TRULY...
"... I'M NONE OTHER THAN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG -- FASTEST FREEDOM FIGHTER ON PLANET MOBIUS!
"I NEVER WANTED TO BE PART O' SOME CRAZY REVOLUTION BUT I DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE...
"...NOT AFTER THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK AND HIS SWAT-BOT HORDE INVADED MY HOME HERE IN MOBOTROPOLIS!
"IN NO TIME AT ALL, HIS SMELLY FACTORIES HAD POLLUTED THE WHOLE ENVIRONMENT. HIS ROBOTICIZED REIGN WOULDN'T END...
"... UNTIL WE WENT UP AGAINST EACH OTHER IN WHAT WAS TO BE A FINAL KNOCK-DOWN, DRAG OUT FACE-OFF!
"AND WITH OL' DOC APPARENTLY ERASED FROM EXISTENCE BY HIS OWN ULTIMATE ANNHILATOR CANNON...
"... THE KINGDOM OF ACORN WAS FINALLY RESTORED. SO... ANY MORE --
--QUESTIONS?!
"CONFUSED, SONIC? YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE..."


LOOK! HIS EYELIDS ARE FLUTTERING!
HE'S FINALLY COMING TO!
UGHH...
SOME DISORIENTATION IS TO BE EXPECTED, SO JUST TAKE IT EASY, SON--!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, DAD? YOU, JULIE-SU AND GRANDFATHER SABRE LOOK FINE TO ME!
AS FAR AS MYSELF GOES...
"...I'M STILL KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA--GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND!
"I'M THE LATEST DESCENDANT OF A LONG LINE OF GUARDIANS BORN TO A NOBLE HOUSE...
"...AND THANKS TO MY FATHER'S GENETIC ENGINEERING UPON MY MOTHER, I WAS BORN A MUTANT...
"...WITH THE POWER TO HARNESS AND CONTROL THE VAST ENERGY FORCES OF THE CHAOS EMERALD!
"THOUGH MY DOMAIN IS LIMITED TO THE ISLAND ITSELF...
"...A SECRET GROUP OF ECHIDNAS KNOWN AS THE BROTHERHOOD--PREVIOUS GUARDIANS AND ANCESTORS ALL--OPERATE WITHIN HAVEN ON A GLOBAL SCALE!
"ONCE I BELIEVED I WAS THE LAST OF MY KIND, BUT DURING AN ADVENTURE I LEARNED MY FAMILY AND MY PEOPLE WERE ALIVE AND--"
--WELL?!
"YES! LOOKING AT MY ENEMY'S DISMAY IS DELIGHTFUL!"

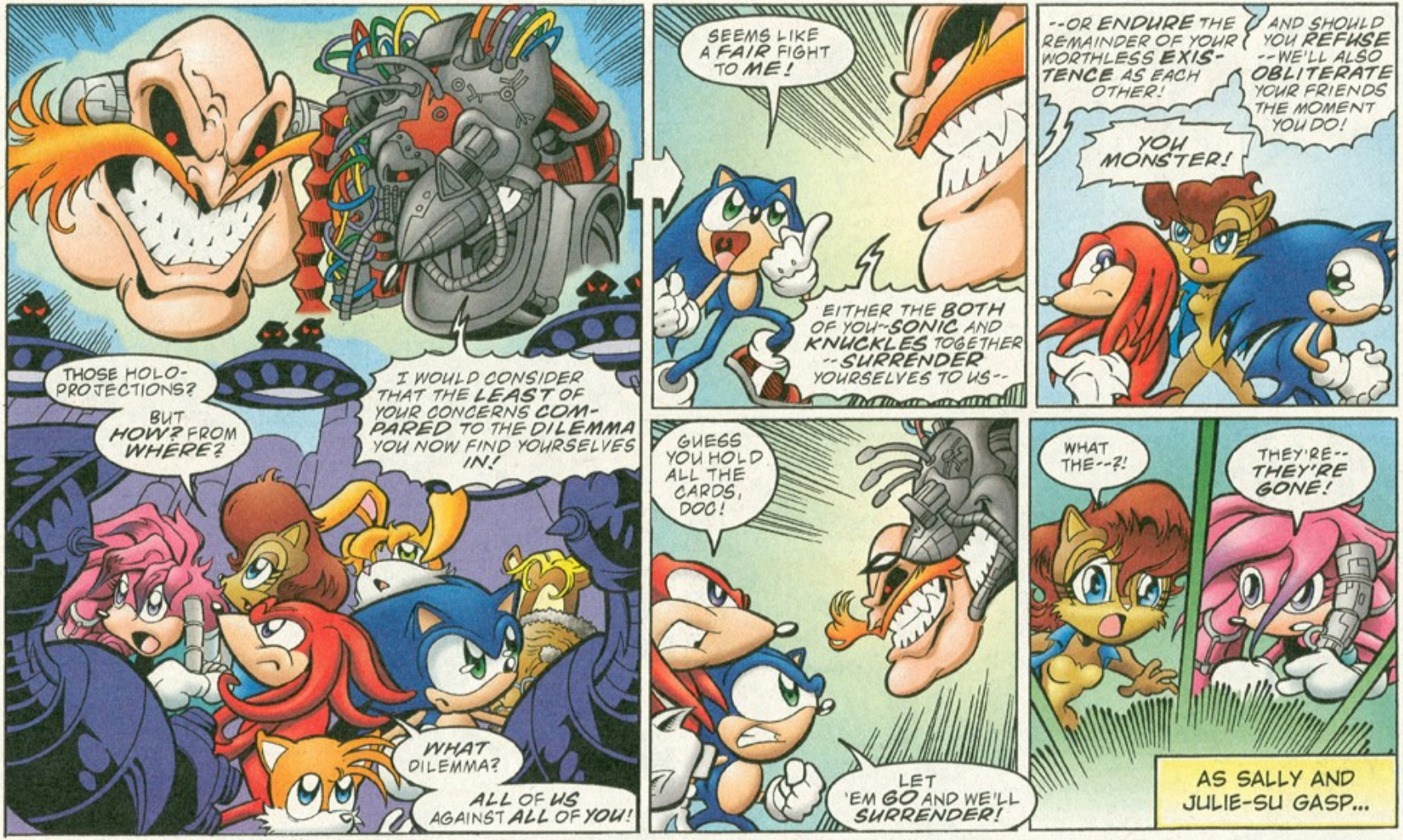

ELSEWHERE...
NOW DO YOU SEE? WE COULD HAVE SIMPLY SLAIN SONIC AND KNUCKLES WHEN WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY!
YES, MY ANALOGOUS ALLY, WE COULD HAVE DONE THAT...
...BUT SURELY SUCH AN ACTION WOULD NOT HAVE BEFITTED TWO ENTERPRISING SOULS SUCH AS OURSELVES. NO...
...FOR DIMITRI OF THE DARK LEGION AND DOCTOR ROBOTNIK, NOTHING SHORT OF HAVING OUR TWO GREATEST ENEMIES ALIVE TO WITNESS OUR SHARED VICTORY WOULD EVER DO!
YES, THAT WAS ALL FINE AND WELL WHEN WE BELIEVED THEM TO BE IMMOBILIZED, BUT NOW... NOW...
...WELL THANKS TO OUR SPY DRONES YOU CAN SEE FOR YOURSELF, CAN'T YOU?
THE HEDGEHOG'S MEMORIES HAVE SOMEHOW BEEN TRANSFERRED INTO MY CURSED RELATIVE'S BODY AND VICE VERSA...
"...INSTEAD OF ERASING THEM AS WE HAD ORIGINALLY INTENDED!"
Ahh...BUT CONSIDER THIS THEN, DIMITRI... WITH BOTH OF THESE SELF-PROCLAIMED HEROES OUT OF THEIR ELEMENT, SO TO SPEAK...
...WON'T DESTROYING THEM BE THAT MUCH MORE SATISFYING?
"QUITE SATISFYING!"


KNOWING THE ANSWER TO SONIC'S PROBLEM LIES ELSEWHERE...
...IT ISN'T LONG BEFORE THE FREEDOM FIGHTER SPECIAL IS UP AND ALOFT INTO THE SKIES, STREAKING AWAY FROM MOBOTROPOLIS...
I'M NOT SURE WHAT TO BELIEVE, SONIC. YOU SAY IT'S YOU--
--BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT NICOLE IS REGISTERING, RIGHT, NATE MORGAN?
EVEN MY MONITOR REGISTERS YOU AS AN ECHIDNA!
WELL, ONCE WE REACH THE FLOATING ISLAND, WE SHOULD BE--
KRA-KHOOM!
ANTOINE! WHAT'S GOING ON?!
THE AIR CURRENTS ARE REALLY ROCKIN'!
I SO HATE BEING ZEE BEARER OF BAD TIDINGS, MES AMIS--
--BUT ZOSE WEREN'T ROUGH WINDS, ZEY WERE ROBOTNIK'S SWAT-BOTS!
AND IF WE DON'T DO ZOMETHING FAST, ZEY WILL HAVE US DEAD IN THEIR SIGHTS!
HEAD OVER THERE TOWARDS ECHIDNAOPOLIS!
IT'S OUR ONLY HOPE!

MEANWHILE, IN THE AFOREMENTIONED CITY OF ECHIDNAOPOLIS ON THE FLOATING ISLAND...
THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT IT, JULIE-SU... IF I'M STUCK IN SONIC'S BODY, I'LL WAGER THAT HE'S OFF SOMEWHERE STUCK IN MINE...
...AND WHOEVER'S RESPONSIBLE, IS DOING THEIR DARNEST TO MAKE SURE WE CAN'T GET OUTTA TOWN TO FIND HIM!
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN! BUT WHAT NOW, SON--I MEAN KNUCKLES? THAT SHUTTLE WAS OUR QUICK TICKET TO MOBOTROPOLIS!
NO TIME TO THINK ABOUT THAT NOW--THE GOONS WHO GUNNED US DOWN ARE HERE TO FINISH THE JOB, JULIE-SU!
AND IT DOESN'T SURPRISE ME IN THE LEAST TO LEARN THAT IT'S...
...THE DARK LEGION!
AND IF THESE TECHNO-ZEALOTS ARE TRYING TO BLAST US... THEIR BIG BOSS--MY ULTRA TWISTED ANCESTOR DIMITRI--MUST BE THE CULPRIT!
WELL, THEY'D BETTER GET READY TO GO BACK TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS AND REPORT HOW THEY FELL FLAT ON THEIR--
FWUMP
--FACES.
SHZAKT
"KNUCKLES--LOOK OUT!!"


IN THE AIRSPACE ABOVE THE ECHIDNAOPOLITAN SKYLINE, THE BATTLE TAKES A TURN FOR THE WORST? AS...
KA BOOM
WE'RE HIT!
STRAP YOURSELVES IN, EVERYBODY!
ZIS WILL BE QUITE ZEE ROUGH LANDING!!
WHILE ON THE STREETS BELOW...
OHMYGOSH, JULIE-SU! THAT LOOKS LIKE A FREEDOM FIGHTER SPECIAL GOING DOWN FOR THE COUNT!
NEVER MIND THAT! WE HAVE ENOUGH PROBLEMS DEALING WITH THESE JERKS!
SINCE I CAN'T GLIDE IN THIS FORM--
--LET'S SEE IF I CAN REV UP LIKE TRUE BLUE CAN!
ZZZAAT
ZZZAAT
I WAS RIGHT! IT IS THEM!
LET'S HOPE NO ONE IS HURT!
O-OOOH --MY HEAD..
AT LEAST IT CAN'T GET ANY WORSE...
WANNA BET?

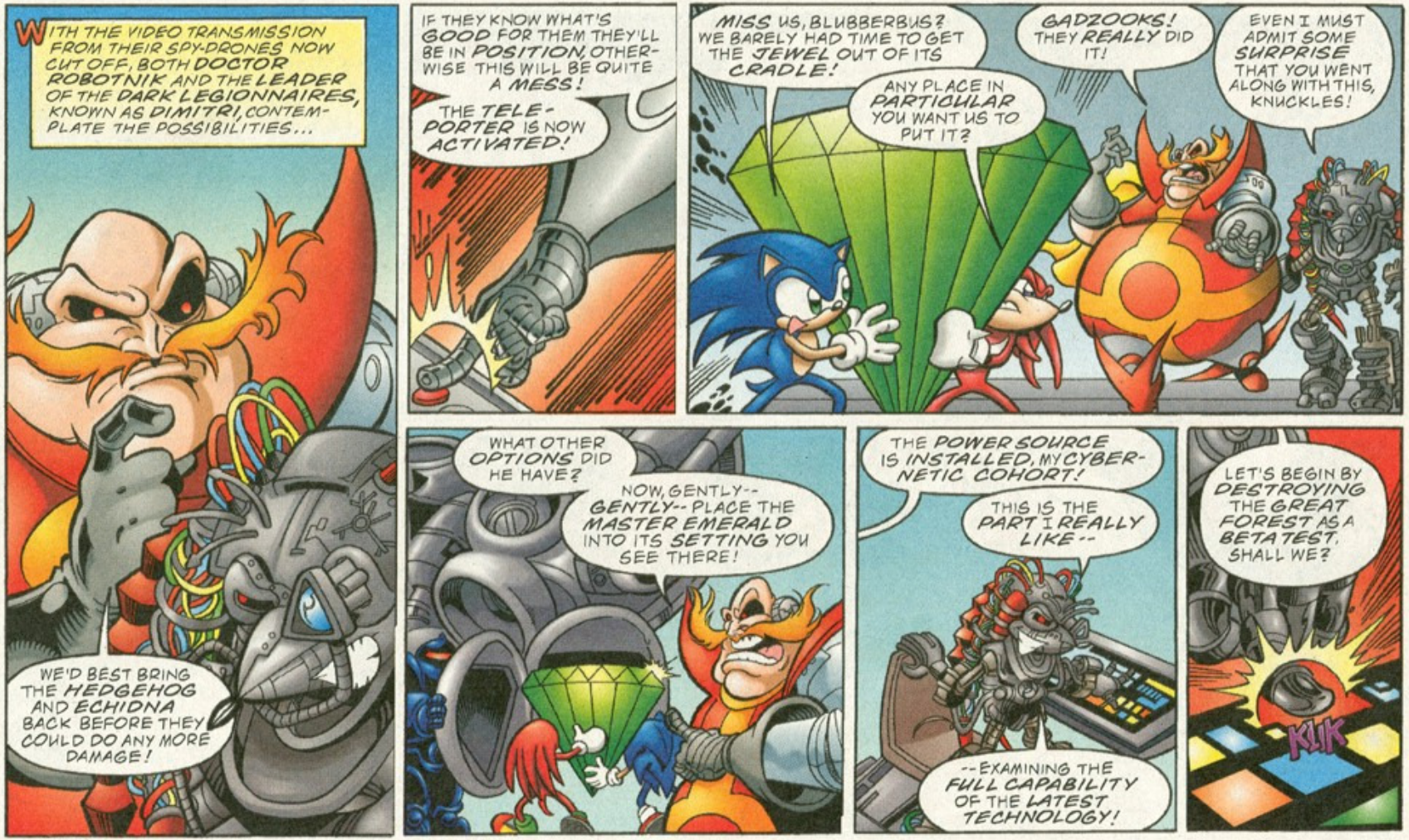
SONIC? IS THAT YOU?
WHO'D YA THINK, uhh... KNUCKLES?
AND AS MUCH AS IT HURTS ME TO EVEN THINK OF IT--WE'VE SOMEHOW TRADED FACES!
NO KIDDIN'-- AND YOU SURE GOT THE BETTER PART O' THE DEAL, RAD RED!
HOPEFULLY, WE'LL BE ABLE TO DEBATE THAT LATER, BUB!
YOU BOYS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO...
...BECAUSE RIGHT NOW, WE'RE IN TROUBLE WITH A CAPITAL "TEE!"
I SEE IT, PRINCESS SALLY-- PISTOL-PACKIN' DARK LEGIONNAIRES ABOVE...
AND STEEL-BELTED SWAT-BOTS BELOW! TIME FOR A QUICK VOTE-- ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF SOME MAJOR BUTT-KICKIN', SAY "AYE!"
AYE!
K'BRAKT
VZZZZ
STOP, YOU FOOLS!
CEASE YOUR RESISTANCE AT ONCE!
IT'S A HOLO-PROJECTION OF DIMITRI!
AND... DOCTOR ROBOTNIK?!
"BUT I THOUGHT YOU SAID HE WAS DEAD!"

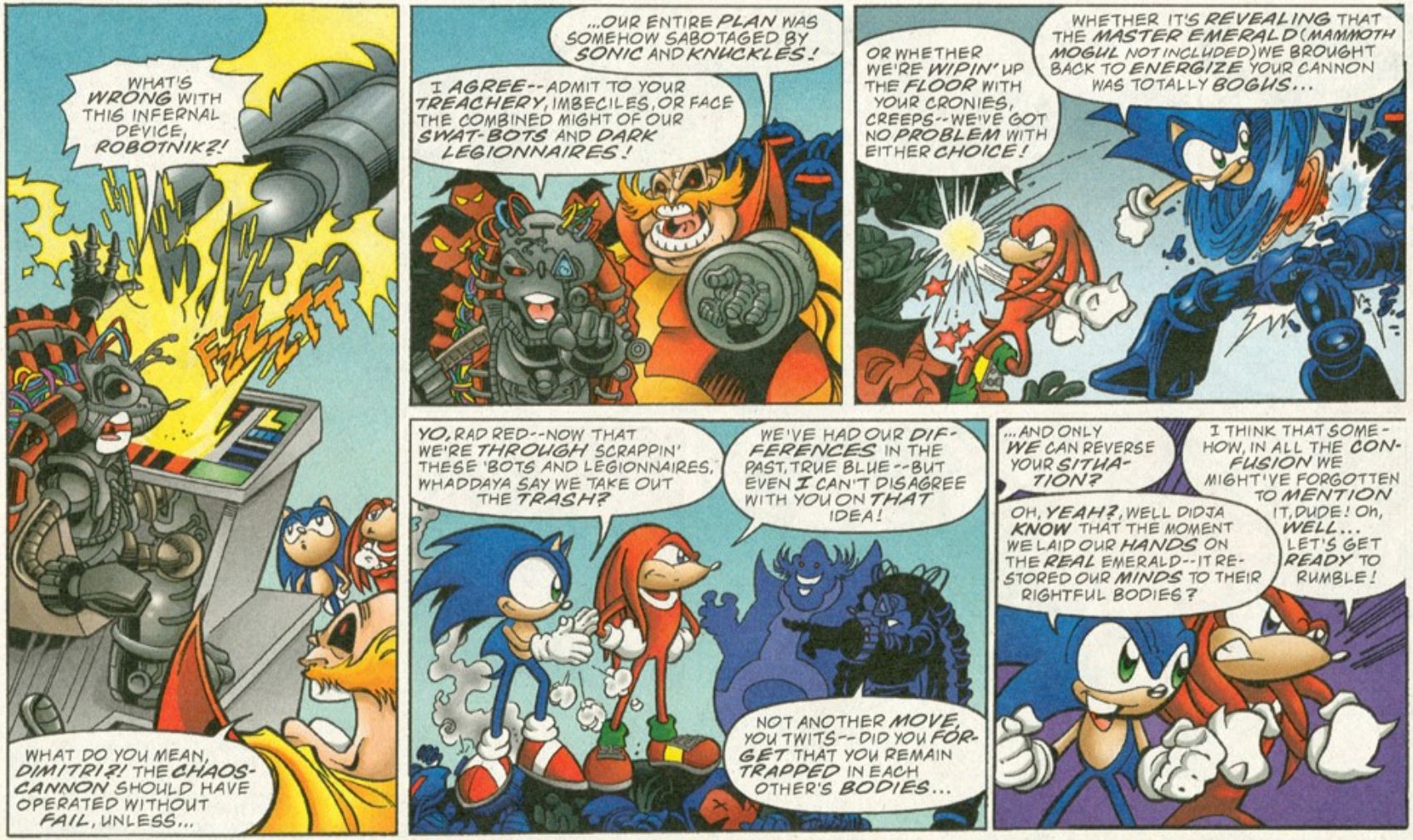

THOSE HOLO-PROJECTIONS?
BUT HOW? FROM WHERE?
I WOULD CONSIDER THAT THE LEAST OF YOUR CONCERNS COMPARED TO THE DILEMMA YOU NOW FIND YOURSELVES IN!
WHAT DILEMMA?
ALL OF US AGAINST ALL OF YOU!
SEEMS LIKE A FAIR FIGHT TO ME!
EITHER THE BOTH OF YOU--SONIC AND KNUCKLES TOGETHER --SURRENDER YOURSELVES TO US--
GUESS YOU HOLD ALL THE CARDS, DOC!
LET 'EM GO AND WE'LL SURRENDER!
--OR ENDURE THE REMAINDER OF YOUR WORTHLESS EXISTENCE AS EACH OTHER!
AND SHOULD YOU REFUSE --WE'LL ALSO OBLITERATE YOUR FRIENDS THE MOMENT YOU DO!
YOU MONSTER!
WHAT THE--?!
THEY'RE-- THEY'RE GONE!
AS SALLY AND JULIE-SU GASP...

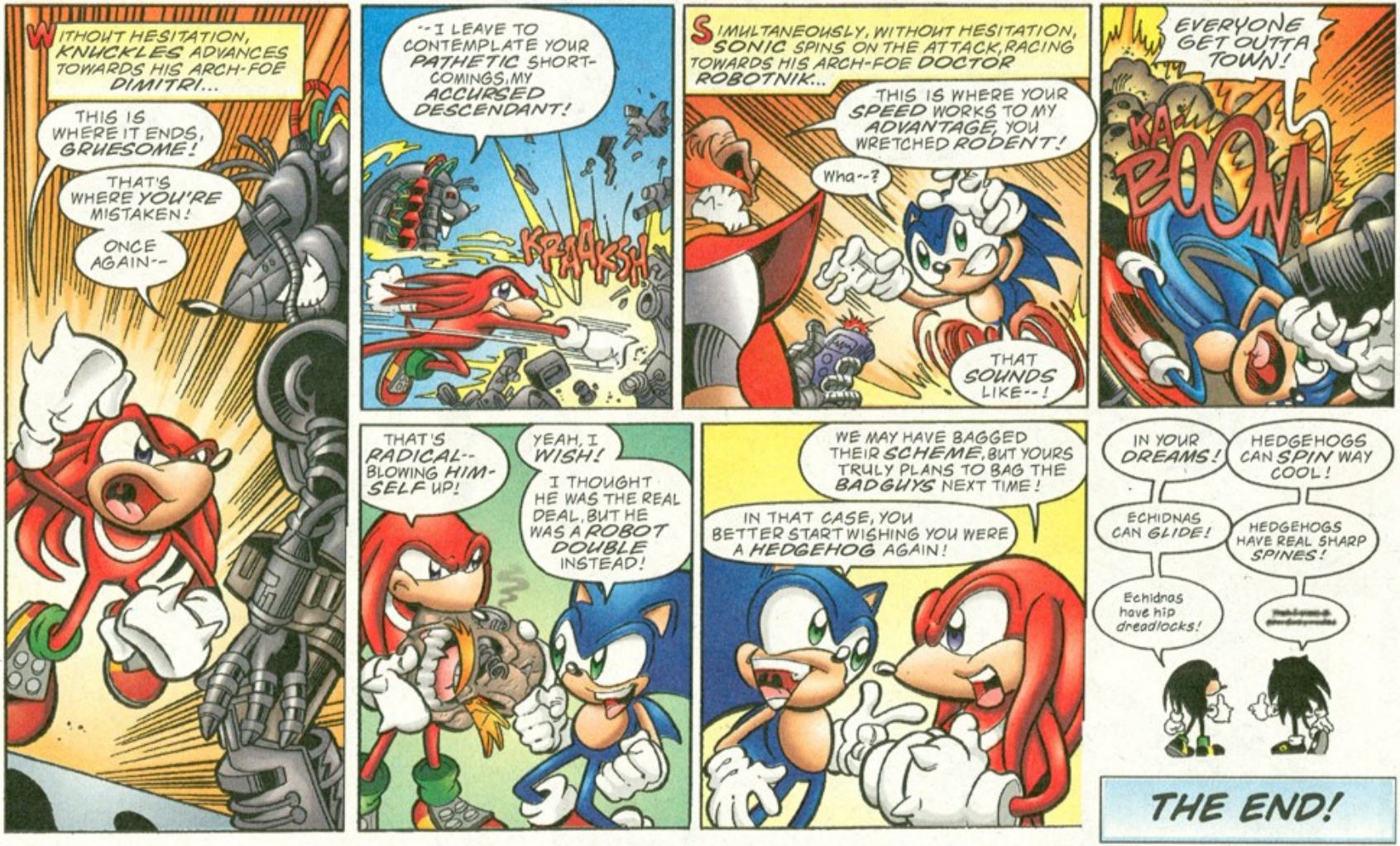
SCANT SECONDS AFTER BEING TELEPORTED AWAY FROM THEIR FRIENDS IN ECHIDNAOPOLIS--
--SONIC AND KNUCKLES MATERIALIZE BEFORE THEIR ARCH-FOES... DOCTOR ROBOTNIK AND DIMITRI OF THE DARK LEGION!
OKAY, DIMITRI--WHAT NASTY SCHEME HAVE YOU COOKED UP THIS TIME?
AND WHAT'S YOUR STORY, RO"BUTT"NIK? I SAW YOU BITE THE DUST WITH MY OWN TWO EYES!
COME NOW, SONIC...HAVEN'T YOU LEARNED BY NOW THAT APPEARANCES CAN BE OH SO DECEIVING? AND REALLY, KNUCKLES..
...YOU SHOULDN'T GIVE DIMITRI FULL CREDIT FOR THIS CAPER!
HE'S RIGHT, GUARDIAN--ROBOTNIK IS AS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHAOS-CANNON AS I AM!
CHAOS-CANNON?
YES...THE CHAOS-CANNON--ITS BLAST IS CAPABLE OF TURNING ANYTHING IT STRIKES INTO ORGANIC METAL, WHETHER IT BE FLORA OR FAUNA!
IT ONLY REQUIRES THE MASTER CHAOS EMERALD THAT KEEPS THE FLOATING ISLAND ALOFT TO ENERGIZE IT... THEN, WE CAN TEST IT ON THE GREAT FOREST!
ONLY WE HAVE THE POWER TO RETURN YOUR MINDS TO THEIR RIGHTFUL BODIES, SO IF YOU HALF-DESIRE US TO DO SO...
...YOU'LL BRING US THE MASTER EMERALD AT ONCE!

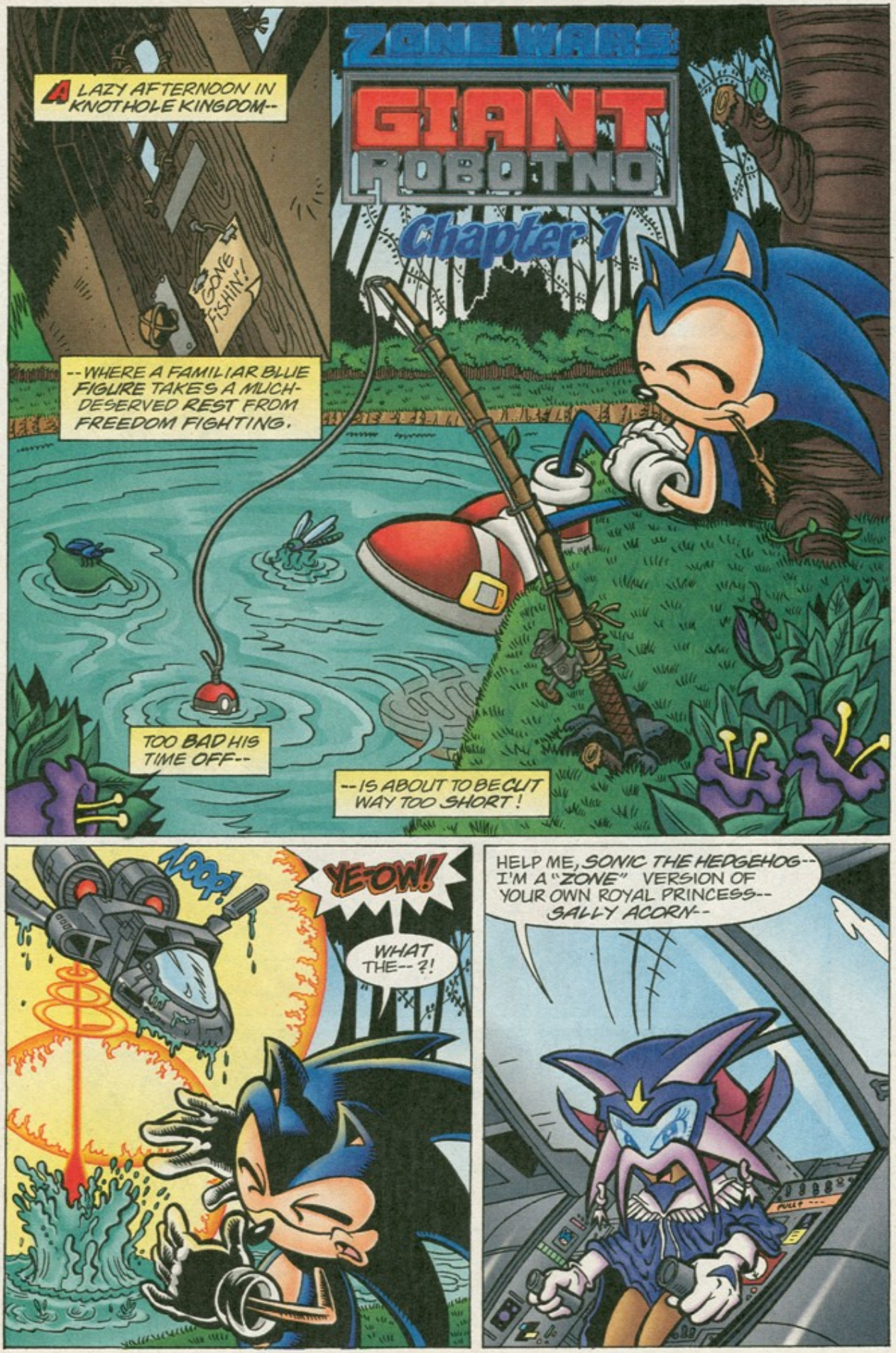
DEEP WITHIN THE FLOATING ISLAND EXISTS THE CHAOS CHAMBER, SANCTUARY TO THE THE FABLED MASTER EMERALD--
--THE SOURCE OF POWER WHICH MAINTAINS THE ISLAND'S FLIGHT OVER THE MOBIAN SURFACE BELOW...
BEEN AWHILE SINCE I WAS LAST HERE, KNUCKLES...
...BUT IT'S STILL AS WEIRD A PLACE AS I RECALL!
YEAH, SONIC...EVER SINCE OUR ENEMY MAMMOTH MOGUL WAS ENCASED IN THE EMERALD... IT'S NOT YOUR EVERYDAY PAPERWEIGHT, IS IT?
SO WHAT DO WE DO NOW, RAD RED?
YOU'RE ASKING ME?
IF WE REMOVE THAT EMERALD YOU CAN KISS THE FLOATING ISLAND AND EVERYONE ON IT BYE-BYE!
AND IF WE DON'T WE'RE STUCK IN EACH OTHER'S BODIES FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES!
THE ONLY PART OF THIS DEAL THAT REEKS IS YOU GET TO BE ME!
DON'T KNOCK BEING AN ECHIDNA UNTIL YOU'VE BEEN ONE FOR AS LONG AS I HAVE!
NO MATTER HOW THEY THREATEN US, WE CAN'T ALLOW DIMITRI AND ROBOTNIK TO GET THEIR HANDS ON THAT EMERALD!
SO WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?
LET'S DO IT TO IT!
WHAT'S NEXT, HEROES?

ELSEWHERE...
LITTLE DO THE HEDGEHOG AND ECHIDNA SUSPECT...
...THAT WE ARE ABLE TO MONITOR EVERY MUMBLE OR MOVE THEY MAKE WITH OUR CLOAKED SPY-DRONES, ROBOTNIK!
OF COURSE, DIMITRI--IN SO DOING, WE'VE ENSURED OURSELVES AGAINST POSSIBLE BETRAYAL FROM EITHER SONIC OR KNUCKLES!
NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY LOATHE BRINGING US THE FLOATING ISLAND'S MASTER EMERALD TO ENERGIZE OUR DEADLY DEVICE...
...THEY'LL SIMPLY HAVE TO!
I BELIEVE YOU ARE CORRECT IN YOUR ASSUMPTION, DOCTOR...THEY SEEM TO BE GOING THROUGH WITH THE...
FWAASH
--PLAN?!
IMPOSSIBLE--THE SPY-DRONES HAVE STOPPED TRANSMITTING!
BLAST!
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE HAVING TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES!


WITH THE VIDEO TRANSMISSION FROM THEIR SPY-DRONES NOW CUT OFF, BOTH DOCTOR ROBOTNIK AND THE LEADER OF THE DARK LEGIONNAIRES, KNOWN AS DIMITRI, CONTEMPLATE THE POSSIBILITIES...
WE'D BEST BRING THE HEDGEHOG AND ECHIDNA BACK BEFORE THEY COULD DO ANY MORE DAMAGE!
IF THEY KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR THEM THEY'LL BE IN POSITION, OTHERWISE THIS WILL BE QUITE A MESS!
THE TELEPORTER IS NOW ACTIVATED!
MISS US, BLUBBERBUS? WE BARELY HAD TIME TO GET THE JEWEL OUT OF ITS CRADLE!
ANY PLACE IN PARTICULAR YOU WANT US TO PUT IT?
GADZOOKS! THEY REALLY DID IT!
EVEN I MUST ADMIT SOME SURPRISE THAT YOU WENT ALONG WITH THIS, KNUCKLES!
WHAT OTHER OPTIONS DID HE HAVE?
NOW, GENTLY-- GENTLY-- PLACE THE MASTER EMERALD INTO ITS SETTING YOU SEE THERE!
THE POWER SOURCE IS INSTALLED, MY CYBERNETIC COHORT!
THIS IS THE PART I REALLY LIKE--
--EXAMINING THE FULL CAPABILITY OF THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY!
LET'S BEGIN BY DESTROYING THE GREAT FOREST AS A BETA TEST, SHALL WE?
KLIK

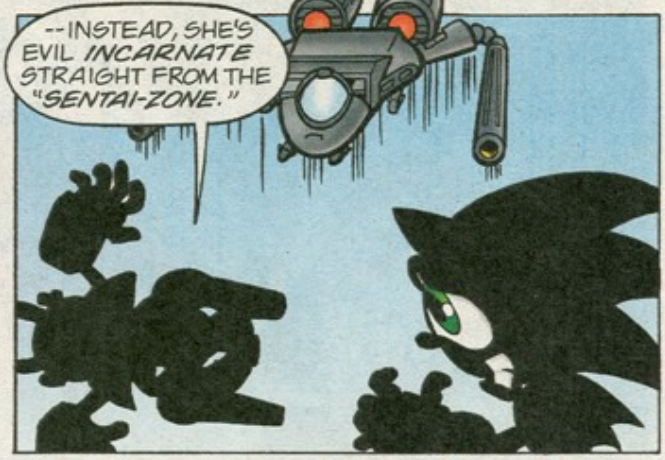

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS INFERNAL DEVICE, ROBOTNIK?!
FZZLTT
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, DIMITRI?! THE CHAOS-CANNON SHOULD HAVE OPERATED WITHOUT FAIL, UNLESS...
...OUR ENTIRE PLAN WAS SOMEHOW SABOTAGED BY SONIC AND KNUCKLES!
I AGREE--ADMIT TO YOUR TREACHERY, IMBECILES, OR FACE THE COMBINED MIGHT OF OUR SWAT-BOTS AND DARK LEGIONNAIRES!
OR WHETHER WE'RE WIPIN' UP THE FLOOR WITH YOUR CRONIES, CREEPS--WE'VE GOT NO PROBLEM WITH EITHER CHOICE!
WHETHER IT'S REVEALING THAT THE MASTER EMERALD (MAMMOTH MOGUL NOT INCLUDED) WE BROUGHT BACK TO ENERGIZE YOUR CANNON WAS TOTALLY BOGUS...
YO, RAD RED--NOW THAT WE'RE THROUGH SCRAPPIN' THESE 'BOTS AND LEGIONNAIRES, WHADDAYA SAY WE TAKE OUT THE TRASH?
WE'VE HAD OUR DIFFERENCES IN THE PAST, TRUE BLUE--BUT EVEN I CAN'T DISAGREE WITH YOU ON THAT IDEA!
NOT ANOTHER MOVE, YOU TWITS--DID YOU FORGET THAT YOU REMAIN TRAPPED IN EACH OTHER'S BODIES...
...AND ONLY WE CAN REVERSE YOUR SITUATION?
I THINK THAT SOMEHOW, IN ALL THE CONFUSION WE MIGHT'VE FORGOTTEN TO MENTION IT, DUDE! Oh, WELL... LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE!
OH, YEAH?, WELL DIDJA KNOW THAT THE MOMENT WE LAID OUR HANDS ON THE REAL EMERALD--IT RESTORED OUR MINDS TO THEIR RIGHTFUL BODIES?

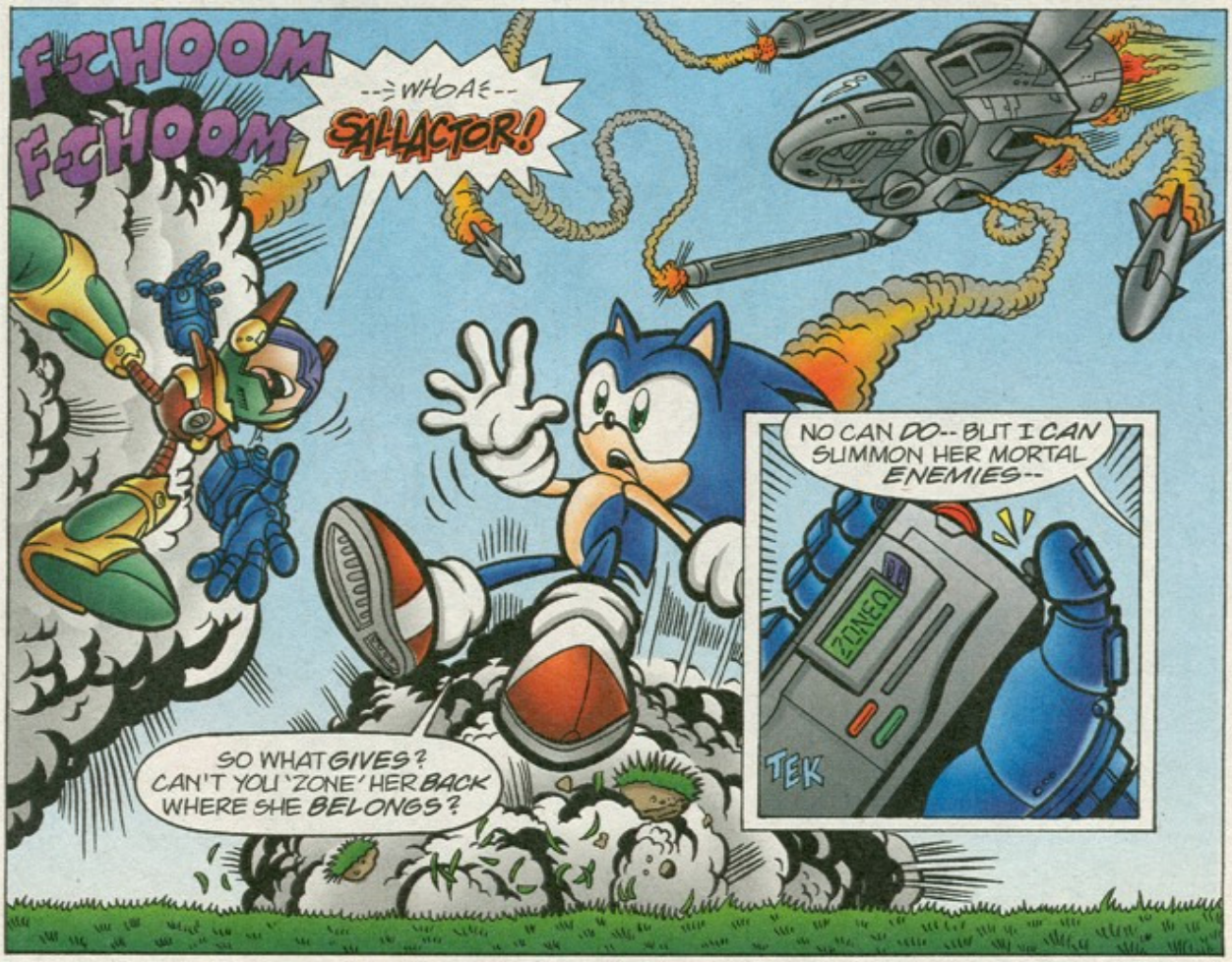

WITHOUT HESITATION, KNUCKLES ADVANCES TOWARDS HIS ARCH-FOE DIMITRI...
THIS IS WHERE IT ENDS, GRUESOME!
THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE MISTAKEN!
ONCE AGAIN--
--I LEAVE TO CONTEMPLATE YOUR PATHETIC SHORT-COMINGS, MY ACCURSED DESCENDANT!
KPAAKSH
SIMULTANEOUSLY, WITHOUT HESITATION, SONIC SPINS ON THE ATTACK, RACING TOWARDS HIS ARCH-FOE DOCTOR ROBOTNIK...
THIS IS WHERE YOUR SPEED WORKS TO MY ADVANTAGE, YOU WRETCHED RODENT!
Wha--?
THAT SOUNDS LIKE--!
EVERYONE GET OUTTA TOWN!
KA-BOOM
THAT'S RADICAL-- BLOWING HIMSELF UP!
YEAH, I WISH!
I THOUGHT HE WAS THE REAL DEAL, BUT HE WAS A ROBOT DOUBLE INSTEAD!
WE MAY HAVE BAGGED THEIR SCHEME, BUT YOURS TRULY PLANS TO BAG THE BADGUYS NEXT TIME!
IN THAT CASE, YOU BETTER START WISHING YOU WERE A HEDGEHOG AGAIN!
IN YOUR DREAMS!
HEDGEHOGS CAN SPIN WAY COOL!
ECHIDNAS CAN GLIDE!
HEDGEHOGS HAVE REAL SHARP SPINES!
Echidnas have hip dreadlocks!
THE END!


ZONE WARS:
GIANT ROBOTNO
Chapter 1
A LAZY AFTERNOON IN KNOTHOLE KINGDOM--
GONE FISHIN'!
--WHERE A FAMILIAR BLUE FIGURE TAKES A MUCH-DESERVED REST FROM FREEDOM FIGHTING.
TOO BAD HIS TIME OFF--
--IS ABOUT TO BE CUT WAY TOO SHORT!
WOOP!
YE-OW!
WHAT THE--?!
HELP ME, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG-- I'M A "ZONE" VERSION OF YOUR OWN ROYAL PRINCESS-- SALLY ACORN--

--AND YOU'RE MY ONLY HOPE! CAN I COUNT ON YOU?
Er... SURE, I GUESS...
ZAP!
I WOULDN'T IF I WERE YOU!

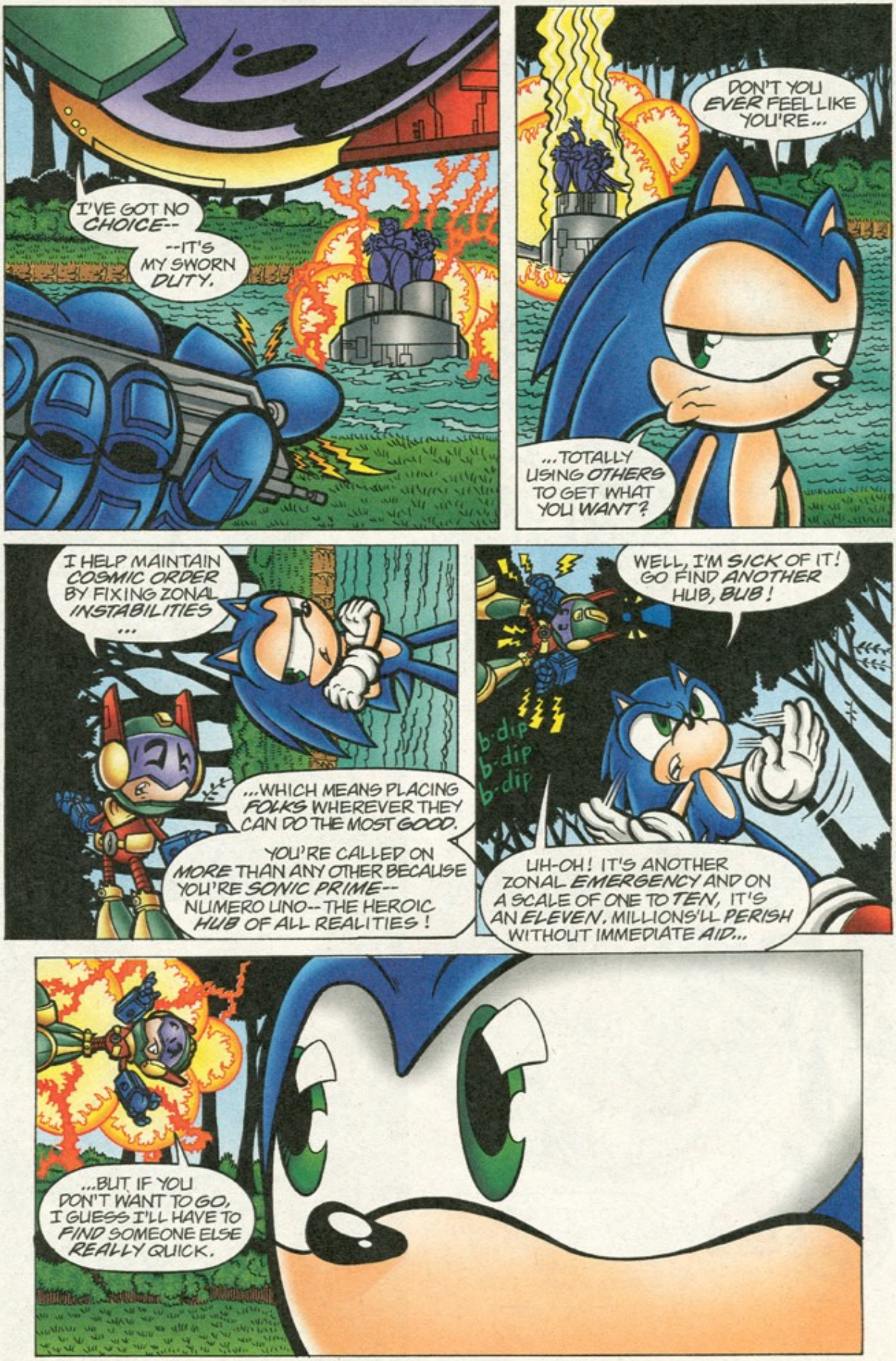
THAT WACKY ZONE COP 2 -- HERE--NOW?
YOU BETCHA! BUT LISTEN UP--THIS COUNTER-PART TO YOUR SWEET-NATURED PRINCESS IS NOTHING LIKE THE SALLY YOU KNOW--


--INSTEAD, SHE'S EVIL INCARNATE STRAIGHT FROM THE "SENTAI-ZONE."


F-CHOOM
F-CHOOM
--> WHOA <--
SALLACTOR!
NO CAN DO-- BUT I CAN SUMMON HER MORTAL ENEMIES--
ZONED
TEK
SO WHAT GIVES? CAN'T YOU 'ZONE' HER BACK WHERE SHE BELONGS?

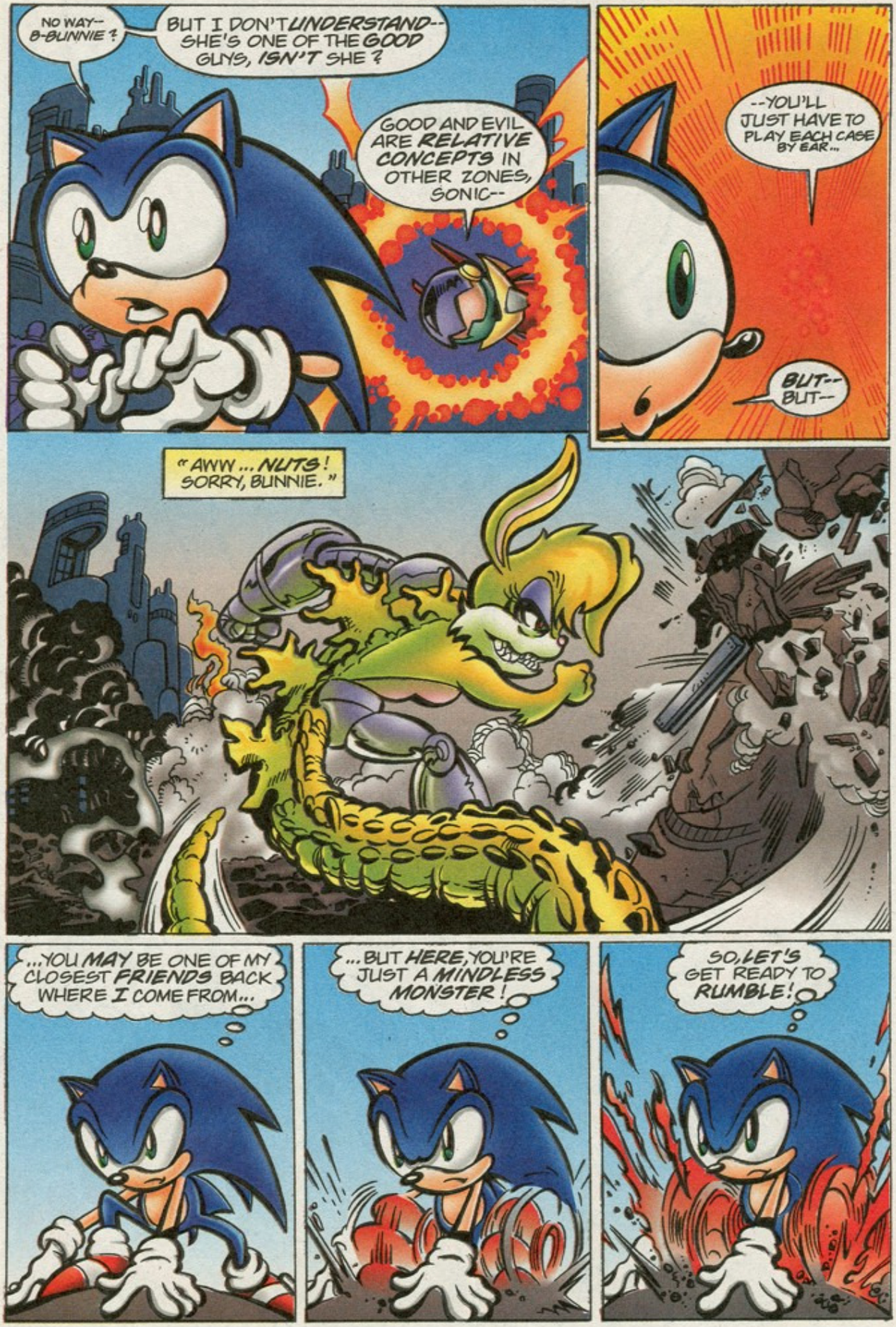
--SONICAMAN:
CHAOS
NINJA TEAM!
?!

THWOK
FWAKT
OH, GREAT...
WAITASEC, SONIC--WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
DON'T MEAN TO "DIS"[3] YA...
...BUT THIS WHOLE "ZAPPING" ME TO OTHER ZONES AND VICE VERSA ROUTINE...
...HAS REALLY PLAYED ITSELF OUT.
LAST TIME IT WAS THAT BUSINESS WITH GIANT-BORG[4]...
...AND BEFORE THAT, IT WAS PRETTY SOLDIER SALLY MOON[5] (AND BOY, WAS SHE PRETTY)!
WHAT I'M SAYING IS, IT'S TOUGH ENOUGH KEEPING AN EYE ON ONE PRINCESS SALLY. FORGET A MILLION OF HER...
...OR A MILLION ANYONE ELSES OUT THERE!
HOW D'YOU KEEP TRACK OF IT ALL--AND WHY?

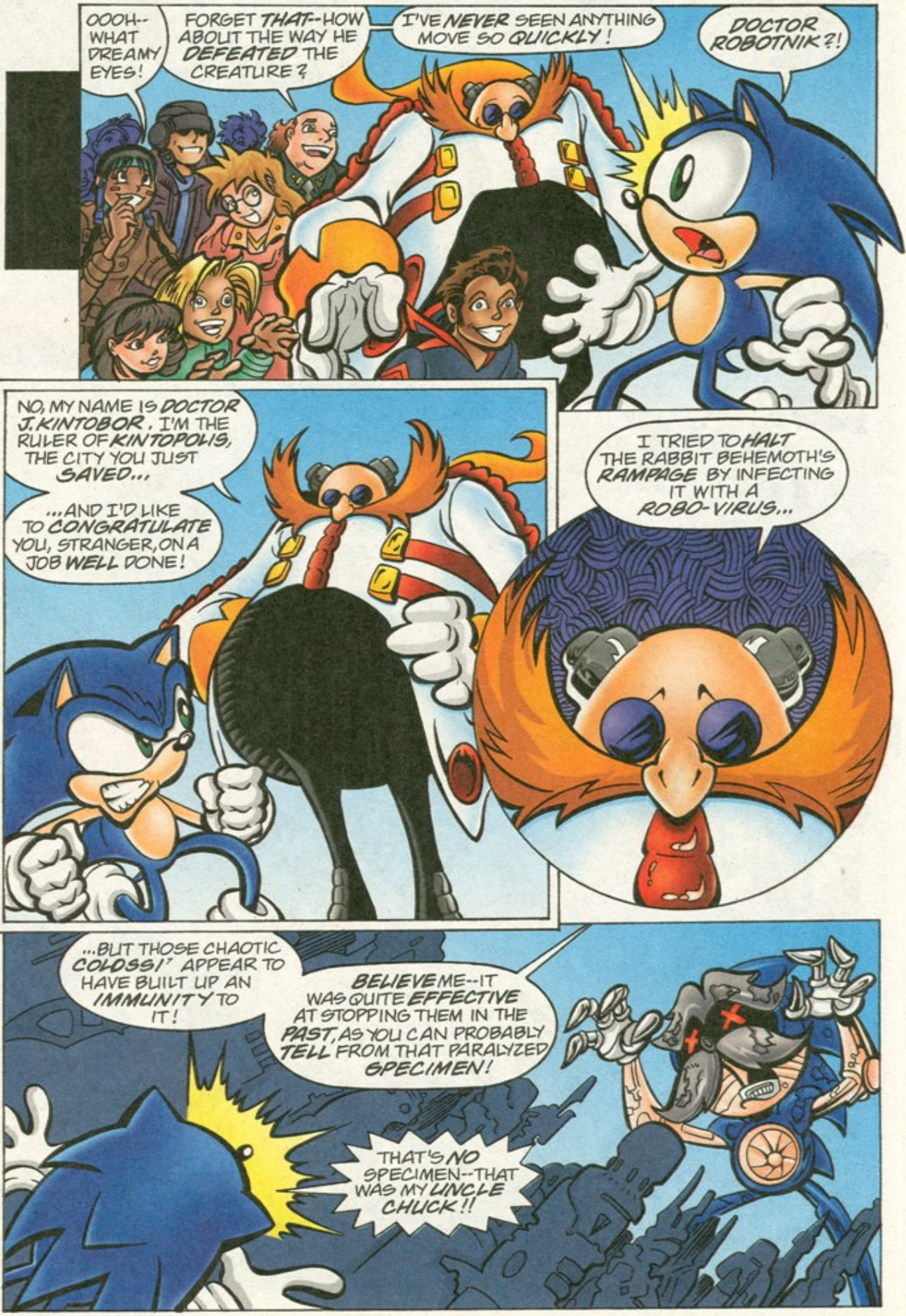

I'VE GOT NO CHOICE--
--IT'S MY SWORN DUTY.
DON'T YOU EVER FEEL LIKE YOU'RE...
...TOTALLY USING OTHERS TO GET WHAT YOU WANT?
I HELP MAINTAIN COSMIC ORDER BY FIXING ZONAL INSTABILITIES ...
...WHICH MEANS PLACING FOLKS WHEREVER THEY CAN DO THE MOST GOOD.
YOU'RE CALLED ON MORE THAN ANY OTHER BECAUSE YOU'RE SONIC PRIME-- NUMERO UNO-- THE HEROIC HUB OF ALL REALITIES!
WELL, I'M SICK OF IT! GO FIND ANOTHER HUB, BUB!
b-dip
b-dip
b-dip
UH-OH! IT'S ANOTHER ZONAL EMERGENCY AND ON A SCALE OF ONE TO TEN, IT'S AN ELEVEN. MILLIONS'LL PERISH WITHOUT IMMEDIATE AID...
...BUT IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GO, I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO FIND SOMEONE ELSE REALLY QUICK.

ALL RIGHT-- YOU WIN.
ZONE ME.
I KNEW WE COULD COUNT ON YOU, KID...
ZOOP!
MOMENTS LATER...
...THE HEROIC HEDGEHOG FINDS HIMSELF IN A WORLD DISTINCTLY DIFFERING FROM HIS OWN.
LIKE, WHAT IS UP AROUND HERE? THOSE OVERLANDERS6...
...ARE WAY PAST SCARED!
THOOM THOOM
WHY DOES THE GROUND KEEP SHAKING?
THOOM

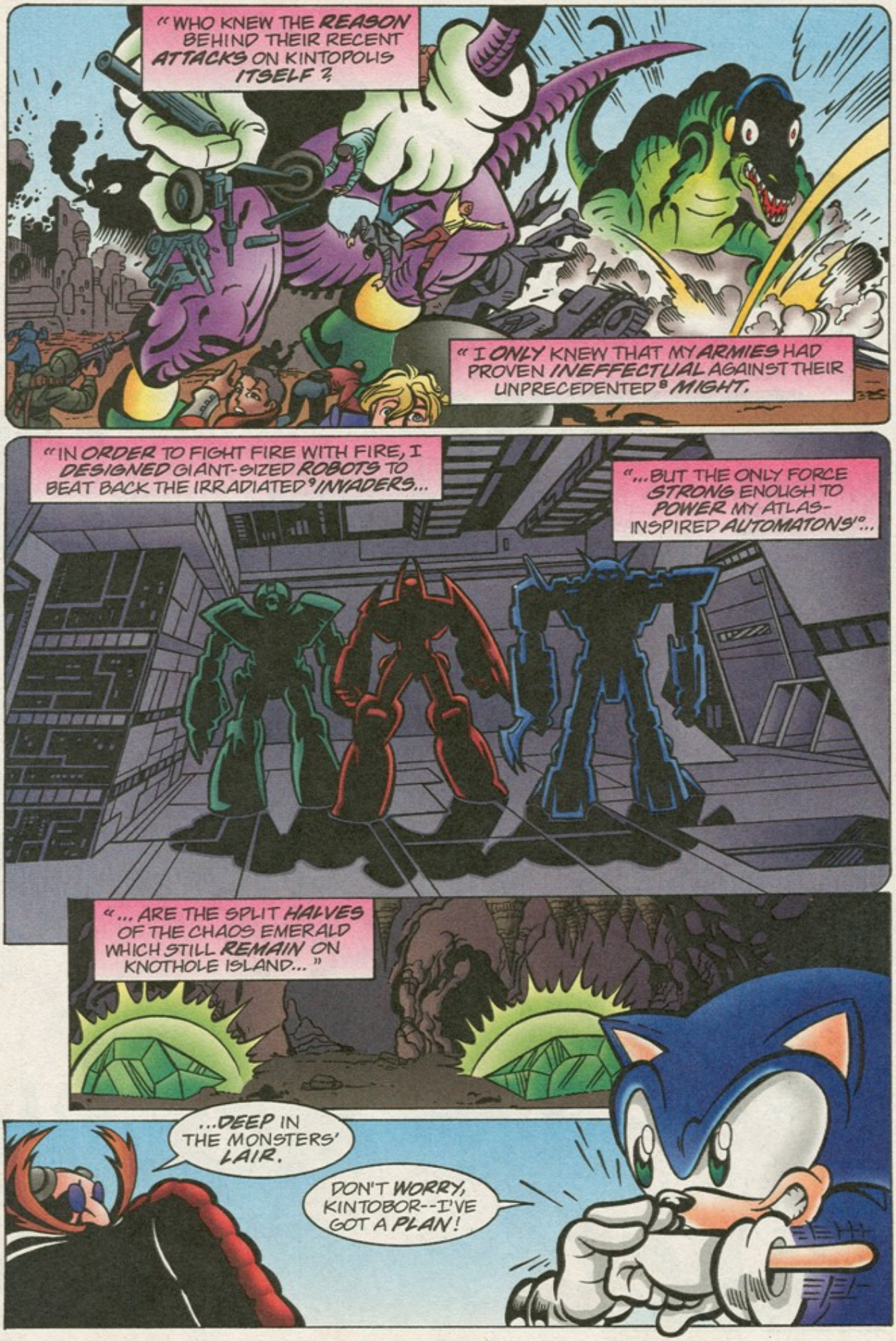
ZONE WARS
GIANT ROBOTNO
Chapter 2
"RUN--RUN FOR YOUR LIVES! IT'S--IT'S
RABBOT-ZILLA!!!"


NO WAY-- B-BUNNIE?
BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND-- SHE'S ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS, ISN'T SHE?
GOOD AND EVIL ARE RELATIVE CONCEPTS IN OTHER ZONES, SONIC--
--YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO PLAY EACH CASE BY EAR...
BUT-- BUT--
"AWW... NUTS! SORRY, BUNNIE."
...YOU MAY BE ONE OF MY CLOSEST FRIENDS BACK WHERE I COME FROM...
...BUT HERE, YOU'RE JUST A MINDLESS MONSTER!
SO, LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE!

TIME FOR ME TO GO INTO MY TRADEMARK 'TRIPLE-SPIN MODE' AND BURN SOME RUBBER FOR REAL!
WHEN BOTZILLA TRIES TO STOMP ME--
--THE SUPER-HEATED TAR ON THIS STREET IS GONNA BE SO MELTED THAT--
SPLORCH!
TA-DA!
--SHE'LL BE STUCK LIKE A GIANT BUG ON OVERSIZED FLYPAPER!


OOOH--WHAT DREAMY EYES!
FORGET THAT--HOW ABOUT THE WAY HE DEFEATED THE CREATURE?
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING MOVE SO QUICKLY!
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK?!
NO, MY NAME IS DOCTOR J. KINTOBOR. I'M THE RULER OF KINTOPOLIS, THE CITY YOU JUST SAVED...
...AND I'D LIKE TO CONGRATULATE YOU, STRANGER, ON A JOB WELL DONE!
I TRIED TO HALT THE RABBIT BEHEMOTH'S RAMPAGE BY INFECTING IT WITH A ROBO-VIRUS...
...BUT THOSE CHAOTIC COLOSSI APPEAR TO HAVE BUILT UP AN IMMUNITY TO IT!
BELIEVE ME--IT WAS QUITE EFFECTIVE AT STOPPING THEM IN THE PAST, AS YOU CAN PROBABLY TELL FROM THAT PARALYZED SPECIMEN!
THAT'S NO SPECIMEN--THAT WAS MY UNCLE CHUCK!!

HOW DID ALL OF THIS HAPPEN? I WANT ANSWERS NOW, KINTOBOR!
GET THEM YOU WILL, STRANGER. I'M AFRAID IT'S A TRAGIC TALE...
...AND ONE THAT'S MY FAULT ENTIRELY.
"I HAD WORKED FOR MANY YEARS TRYING TO UNLOCK THE RAW POWER OF THE CHAOS EMERALD.
"BY SPLITTING THE FABLED ENERGY JEWEL.
"...WE HOPED TO HARNESS THE FORCES OF CHAOTOMIC ENERGY!
"THE FIRST SUCH TEST TOOK PLACE OUT AT SEA, FAR AWAY FROM THE POPULACE--
"--ON KNOTHOLE ISLAND.
"I'D NEVER EXPECTED THERE TO BE ANY RESULTING FALLOUT"...
"...OR THAT IT COULD POSSIBLY MUTATE ANY OF THE ISLE'S LOCAL WILDLIFE!"


"WHO KNEW THE REASON BEHIND THEIR RECENT ATTACKS ON KINTOPOLIS ITSELF?
"I ONLY KNEW THAT MY ARMIES HAD PROVEN INEFFECTUAL AGAINST THEIR UNPRECEDENTED[8] MIGHT.
"IN ORDER TO FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE, I DESIGNED GIANT-SIZED ROBOTS TO BEAT BACK THE IRRADIATED[9] INVADERS...
"...BUT THE ONLY FORCE STRONG ENOUGH TO POWER MY ATLAS-INSPIRED AUTOMATONS[10]...
"... ARE THE SPLIT HALVES OF THE CHAOS EMERALD WHICH STILL REMAIN ON KNOTHOLE ISLAND..."
...DEEP IN THE MONSTERS' LAIR.
DON'T WORRY, KINTOBOR--I'VE GOT A PLAN!

DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THERE'S ENOUGH, AS YOU SAY, "JUICE" IN YOUR LEGS TO POWER "GIANT ROBOT NO?"
NO PROBLEMO!
YOU DON'T LIKE ME MUCH, DO YOU?
IN MY WORLD, YOU'RE THE WORST BEING I EVER MET.
WHAT DID I--I MEAN, HE DO TO YOU?
BETRAYED THE KINGDOM. ROBOTICIZED MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ENSLAVED MY PLANET.
THAT KIND OF STUFF.
I-I'M SORRY.
DON'T BE--

--HE ISN'T!
SEVERAL MINUTES LATER...
THERE IT IS--KNOTHOLE ISLAND!
AND IT'S A GOOD THING--MY LEGS'RE STARTING TO GET TIRED!
BETTER FIND ONE OF THOSE CHAOS PIECES SOON--
--EVEN I CAN'T KEEP THIS UP FOR THAT MUCH LONGER!

BUT WHERE'S THE MONSTERS' LAIR, ANYWAY?
I MEAN, IT'S NOT EXACTLY LIKE 'OL KINTOBOR GAVE ME A MAP LEADING RIGHT TO--
NO WAY.
"TAILS, KNUCKLES, AMY, ROTOR, AND EVEN SALLY --ALL OF MY FREEDOM FIGHTING FRIENDS--
"--TURNED INTO HIDEOUS MONSTERS! WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PLACE?"

"HAS EVERYONE I CARE ABOUT BEEN MUTATED IN THIS CRAZY ZONE?"
THWACK!
KLONK
SOK

I CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE OF THIS!
FWOOM!
NOT ONLY AM I LOSING SPEED...
...BUT FIGHTING MY BEST BUDS IS TOO MUCH FOR ME TO HANDLE!
K-ZARK!
WHUD
GOTTA FIND THAT CHAOS EMERALD--
ROWRRR!
UH-OH! COULD THAT BE THIS ZONE'S VERSION OF ME? OR...

DAD?!
SKRUNCH
EVEN WORSE, HALF OF THE EMERALD HAS SOMEHOW ATTACHED ITSELF TO HIS BODY!
"I COULD TRADE PUNCHES WITH THE REST, YET I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO HURT MY DAD.
"BUT, HOW DO I STOP MY OLD HOG? HE JUST KEEPS COMING AT ME!"
SNAP
KRACKLE
POP!
PLEASE, DAD, YA GOTTA STAY BACK! STAY BACK!

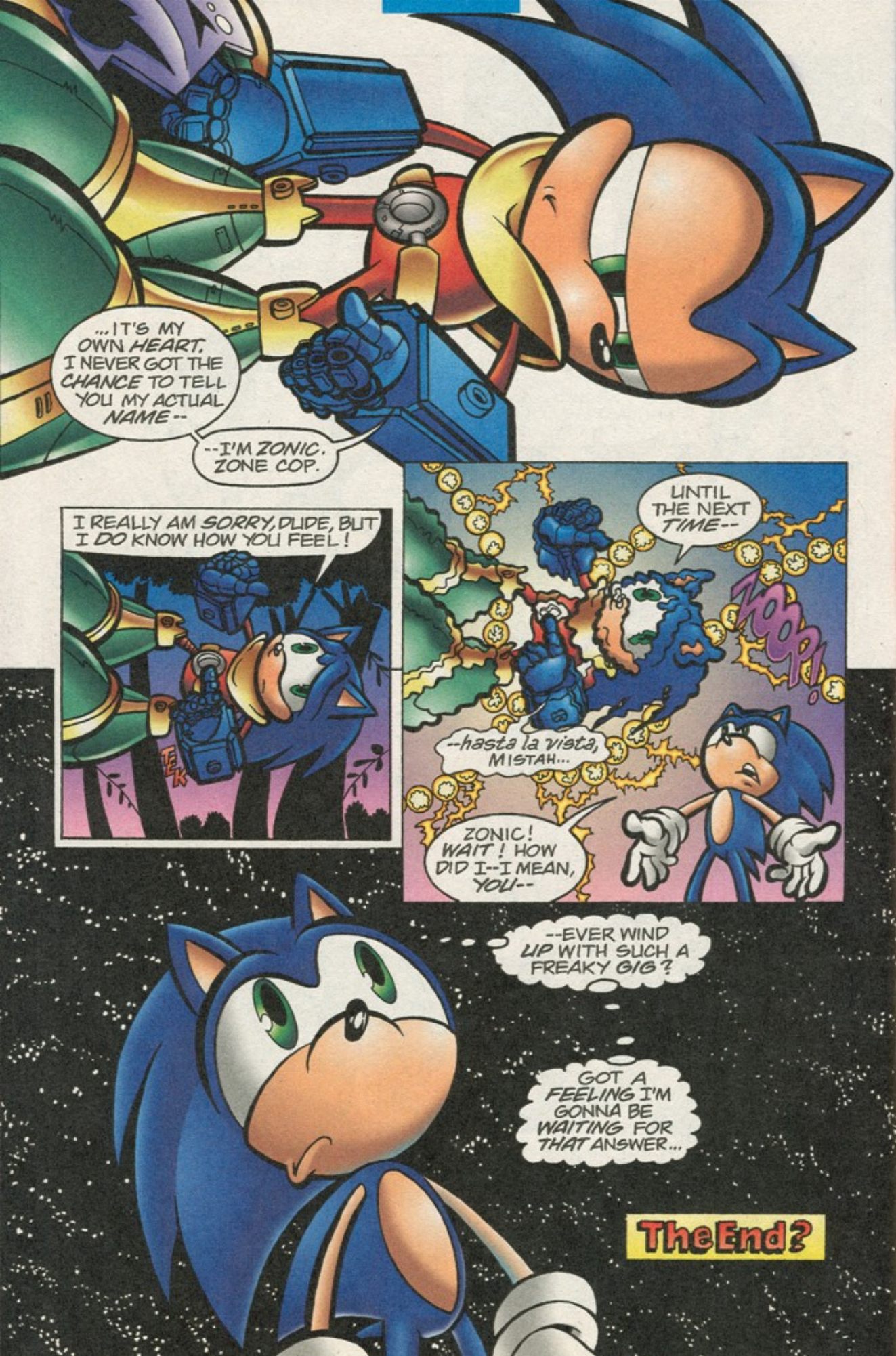
ROWWR!
HUH? DAD? WHAT HAPPENED?
DAD!!!
I DIDN'T MEAN TO--
--I--I--
THUD

NOOOOOO!!!
AND, AS THE ANGUISHED SONIC SOARS OFF...

... A SECOND GROTESQUE FIGURE EMERGES INTO THE CLEARING, THE OTHER HALF-EMERALD AFFIXED TO ITS OWN CHEST !
RAARRGH ?
RAAARGGHH!

LATER, BACK IN KINTOPOLIS...
REJOICE, STRANGER! THANKS TO YOUR BRAVE ACTIONS...
...THE CITY'S FIRST MECHANIZED PROTECTOR IS NOW FULLY OPERATIONAL!
WHA--?!
ARE WE DONE YET?
I'D SAY "YES."
GOOD--LET'S JUICE!
I WISH TO NAME MY NEW CREATION AFTER THE HERO WHOSE IMAGE IT BEARS...
...BUT NOW I REALIZE THAT I NEVER ASKED YOU YOUR NAME, STRANGER...
STRANGER?

YOU DID IT, SONIC--A BALANCE HAS BEEN STRUCK AND THE HELPLESS WILL NOW BE ABLE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES!
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME! I WASN'T SURE WHAT I WAS DOING. I DIDN'T KNOW IF HELPING KINTOBOR WOULD BE THE RIGHT CHOICE...
...SO HOW'D YOU KNOW I'D PLAY IT THROUGH TO THE END--
--ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU KNEW WHAT I'D HAVE TO DO TO EVENTUALLY GET THE EMERALD?
I'M REALLY SORRY. I KNOW EXACTLY HOW YOU FEEL AND--
GIMME A BREAK! EVEN IF HE WASN'T FROM MY ZONE, HE WAS STILL MY FATHER!
HOW IN THIS WORLD, OR ANY OTHER, WOULD YOU KNOW WHAT I'M GOING THROUGH? WHAT I FEEL? YOU'RE JUST A NAMELESS, FACELESS ZONE COP!
AM I? IF THERE'S ONE THING I KNOW...


...IT'S MY OWN HEART. I NEVER GOT THE CHANCE TO TELL YOU MY ACTUAL NAME--
--I'M ZONIC. ZONE COP.
I REALLY AM SORRY, DUDE, BUT I DO KNOW HOW YOU FEEL!
TEK
UNTIL THE NEXT TIME--
WOOP!
--hasta la vista, MISTAH...
ZONIC! WAIT! HOW DID I--I MEAN, YOU--
--EVER WIND UP WITH SUCH A FREAKY GIG?
GOT A FEELING I'M GONNA BE WAITING FOR THAT ANSWER...
The End?

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ZLOT!
WELCOME TO THE "ARCHIE ZONE," ZONIC... LET ME SHOW YOU AROUND... THE BULLPEN'S IN HERE...
ACTUALLY, J.F... I'M JUST HERE TO USE THE RESTROOM.
FLUSH!
I DON'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT IT...
BOYS
GIRLS

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